

# *Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteer Program*

## *Building a Community of Park Stewards*

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### **VOLUNTEER UNIFORM POLICY**

The Cuyahoga Valley National Park Volunteers-in-Parks uniform designates that you are an official volunteer and representative for the National Park Service, the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and its partners. **The uniform is only to be worn when officially volunteering.**

#### **Distribution:**

- Volunteer uniforms are distributed according to the Volunteer Handbook and season.
- The Volunteer Management Office (VMO) can provide a volunteer patch that may be sewn onto VMO-approved personal articles of clothing or equipment (i.e. full-brim hat, backpack, or winter coat) – in doing so, that article should only be worn while volunteering.
- Depending on frequency of volunteer shifts, multiple items of the same type are given at the discretion of VMO staff.

#### **Appearance:**

- Volunteers need to provide their own pants, shorts, or skirts that should be khaki, beige, or light brown.
- Volunteer uniforms should not be wrinkled, stained, or ripped.
- Under short-sleeve uniform shirts, a long-sleeve undershirt may be worn if color is present in the volunteer insignia.
- Your nametag should be worn when conveniently possible. You may specify how you wish your name to appear.
- Be sure to wear appropriate footwear for the activity you will be performing.

#### **Returns and Replacements:**

- If you decide to stop volunteering, you must return your uniform to the VMO.
- When a uniform has become stained or ripped, please return it to the VMO for a replacement.

#### **Responsibility:**

- While in uniform, volunteers are specifically prohibited from purchasing or consuming alcoholic beverages or tobacco, gambling, sleeping, or participating in or attending any demonstration or public event wherein the wearing of the uniform could be constructed as agency support for a particular issue, position, or political party.
- No volunteer shall be in possession of a firearm while volunteering in Cuyahoga Valley National Park or while in uniform.

\*The Volunteer Management Office is located at 1571 Boston Mills Road in Peninsula, 44264. Office hours are typically Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please call or email ahead to 330-657-2299 or [volunteer@forcvnp.org](mailto:volunteer@forcvnp.org).